



# STA Ledger

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## Special Dates to Remember

March 4 thru March 8  
Mid-Year 2022 Seminar  
Myrtle Beach SC

July 3-7-2022  
148th Imperial Session  
Minneapolis, MN

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Dear Fellow Treasurers,

I hope this finds all of you doing well and you were able to have great holidays and are looking forward to the new year!

I am getting excited and am looking forward to seeing all of you at our meeting March 4th thru March 8th in Myrtle Beach. I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to a few days at the beach! You should have received your registration information by now and are registered to attend our meeting. We are staying at the Landmark Resort and check in for the Seminar is at 3:00 pm on Fri-

day, March 4th, but you are welcome to come earlier or stay later if you want to get a few days in at the Beach. I'm hoping for good weather while we are there.

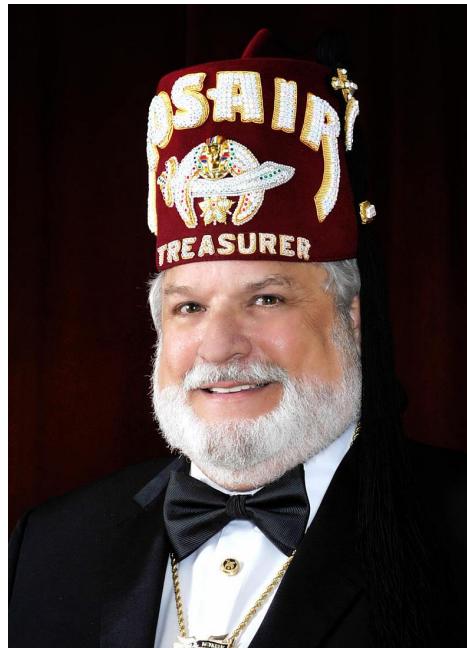
We have several speakers coming to speak about important issues that you need to be aware of as Treasurer for your Shrine Center. I still want to stress how important and informative these seminars are. You learn so much! I have found these seminars very helpful and they have made my job as Treasurer easier. I do hope each of you are planning to attend.

As I am finishing my message, I do want to say that it has been such a pleasure coming through the line and serving as your President. I have met so many new friends during my journey and appreciate all of you. We have a very good, strong line coming up and it is my hope that you get behind them give them all your support and continue to attend these important, informative meetings.

In closing, I am looking forward to seeing each of you in March. Stay happy and stay safe! As always, I am

Yours in the Faith,  
Vic Hopper, P.P., Treasurer  
El Hasa Shrine Center  
President, S.T.A.

## Gary Morgan — 1st Vice President



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As I sit here thinking about what to write I'm reminded that we have had a tough couple of years. I hope everyone is doing well. I sure we have all know people, family members, even ourselves who have been affected by COVID. Those of us who live in the cold weather states have had some very cold weather to deal with. Enough gloom and doom, the STA has just the cure to make things much better. You and your family can attend the STA meeting at Myrtle Beach in March. I can promise you there will be plenty of learning opportunities, hear what is going on at the Imperial level, we have several decisions that needs to be made in refer-

ence to our association, and I guarantee a good time will be had by all. STA has the best hospitality room in all of Shrine.

It is a busy time for all of us with budgets, taxes, and training new Potentates. By the time the STA Mid-Year meeting gets here in March we will all be ready for a break.

Go to the web site and look at the attentive schedule, fill out the registration form, and we will see you in Myrtle Beach. As bad as things have been for the last few years, all we must do is look around us and you can see how truly blessed we are. Keep the faith and we will all be fine. We to shall make it pass COVID and our Shrine Centers will get back to where they were and even better.

### **LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT MYRTLE BEACH**

Yours in Faith,

Gary L. Morgan  
First Vice President

## Steve Harken — 2nd Vice President



*"As the treasurer, you're responsible to insure the expenditures are within the budget. "*

I recently did a search for information on the history of credit cards. I would like to share excerpts from two articles I found. The first was written by Brian O'Connell dated Jan. 13, 2020. The second was written by Jason Steele dated Aug. 12, 2021.

Before credit cards, money as a means of exchange for goods and services was cumbersome. Beginning as far back as 9,000 B.C. it could present itself in any number of ways.

It could be in the shape of shells, gold or silver nuggets, deerskin notes; even wampum beads. It all depended on the time frame and location. Somewhere during its evolution, someone decided something better had to present itself.

The timeline for credit cards goes something like this:

- \*1885-paper loyalty cards were used.
- \*1928-metal credit cards are introduced.
- \*1950-The Diners Club, the first modern credit card, was introduced.
- \*1958-American Express was launched in the U.S. and Canada.
- \*1960's-Electronic strips were introduced to provide account verification to credit cards.
- \*1980's-The smart chip-enabled credit cards were created.
- \*2010-A contactless payment card was launched.

These are just a few examples of how credit cards have evolved over the past 140+ years. In time, the use of biometrics (fingerprints, iris scans or facial recognition) will become the norm rather than the exception. However, they may prove a problem. If your account data were to be stolen, it's easier to get a new number than change your biometric, if it were possible.

In short, credit cards have become more advantageous to use than money. They're pocket sized, easily portable, secure and have no value in themselves. And therein lies the problem.

Credit cards have become something most of us use every day as a common practice. Ask yourself how often you reach for a credit card rather than money. This is in part due to a number of cards offering rewards for their use.

Does your Shrine center use credit cards? If so, I'm guessing you probably have one for each of your hospital vans, one for the office and least one for the divan's use. If used, are the receipts turned in on a timely basis. Are the monthly statements cross checked with the receipts?

If not, you could be in a world of hurt if you were to be audited.

However, the biggest issue with credit cards is educating your Divan on the proper use of any Shrine cards they may have. The credit card isn't for them to use as a personal ATM. As the treasurer, you're responsible to insure the expenditures are within the budget. Remind them that any charges not authorized may, and in all likelihood will, become their responsibility to repay the Shrine, at least in part if not in full.

Should you have any questions about anything in my article, please don't hesitate to ask them. If you would like to have a copy of the articles I referenced, just send me an email and I'll forward them to you. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach. As always, the officers are here to help you. All you have to do is ask. Until next time-STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY.

Steve Harken  
2nd V/P Shrine Treasurers Association  
Mohammed Shriners

## Dennis Saikaley — 3rd Vice President



Shrine New Year Greetings One and All

As I sit here writing, we, like many Temples, have just completed our Installation of Officers.

To each of you, Welcome Back or Welcome Aboard!

As Treasurers, this is an extremely busy time of year. We must wrap up the books for last year and prepare for this year.

Your Temples should have all had a Chief Rabban's Presentation, likely in November, part of which was the presentation of the Temple Budget for this year so you have that to start the year with. This should be ratified or amended and passed at the Temple Financial Meeting in February.

Now we move forward. What a two years we have all been through with this pandemic. As I have said in earlier articles, never in my dreams did I think, when we were heading home from our last mid-year Seminar in March 2020 and the word 'Corona' was floating about, that it would still

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be a topic of concern. We have gone from 'Lockdown' to 'Open' to 'Shutdown' to partial open. Borders have opened, thank goodness, but travel restrictions/requirements are forever changing. We must still be cautious but at least we can travel. Having said that, I hope that you are planning to attend our 'Mid-year' in Myrtle Beach. What a destination in March, especially since as I write this and look outside, the snow is blowing about. Attending this is a great opportunity to share ideas and 'Best Practices', and get first-hand information and training. Your Temples should be making the investment for you to attend. My registration is in.

You will hear it elsewhere but please be sure to observe the deadlines for the Temple reporting submissions to Headquarters. As well, you should or have already sent out the 'Report of Shrine Clubs and Temple Units' Form (2-41d). I have included with my mail out, a covering letter indicating the requirement to submit a list of the Signing Officers on the Club or Unit's Accounts. Many of us have experienced situations where Clubs and Units do not update this and include the Temple Treasurer as a Signatory. All you need is to have a signing officer pass away suddenly and accounts can be frozen by the bank. Just a little tip.

That is all for now. I hope to see you in Myrtle Beach and I am always available to you.

Yours in The Faith,

Dennis M. Saikaley P.P.  
Treasurer, Tunis Shriners  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP Shrine Treasurer's Association

## Robert the Bob Bulman — Secretary-Treasurer



Seems like only a short time ago that I attended my first Shrine Treasurers Association of North American (STANA) now just Shrine Treasurers Association (STA) as we are now 'International'.

*"time has come for me to hand over the duties "*

What a great organization the Shrine Treasurers Association is. I have had the pleasure of being a member since early 2008 and was elected as an officer on the moving line from 2011 to 2015 serving as president 2014-2015. I have served as editor of the newsletter and web-site master from 2013 to the present. I was appointed assistant secretary/treasurer from 2013 to 2017 and was elected secretary/treasurer in 2017 and continue to serve in that position currently.

There have only been five (5) Secretary/Treasurers of this organization, A. D. W. Foord (deceased) Wa Wa Shrine 1986-

1987, Norwood McDaniel Syria Shrine 1987-1998, Paul Churchwell Shaddai Shrine 1998-2009, Ralph Calhoun II Omar Shrine 2009-2017, myself 2017-present. I had the great pleasure of working with both Paul and Ralph.

The time has come for me to hand over the duties of Secretary/Treasurer, Editor, Web Master.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Myrtle Beach SC in March 2022. Dues for 2022 were sent out in October along with information on the Mid-Year Seminar scheduled March 4 -8 at the Landmark Resort.

*There are several openings available in the organization this year.*

*If you are interested in any of these please send me your resume:*

**3rd Vice President**

**4th Vice President**

**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Assistant Treasurer**

**Editor of the Newsletter**

**Web Master**

Robert 'The Bob' Bulman  
Midian Shrine Center  
STA Secretary/Treasurer

## Brad Koehn—Imperial Treasurer



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Greetings!!

First off, let me congratulate all of you on your election to the position of Treasurer of your shrine. Whether you are returning for another year, or decided to throw you hat in the ring this year I appreciate your desire to be involved. As treasurer, you are a leader of your temple and as such, have a very important role in its success. Support your Potentate and encourage the divan members to work together for the benefit of your nobility and community.

As we begin the new-year let us make sure that our financial houses are in order. There is much to be done. The books are in the closure process with all major accounts being reconciled. Bank accounts must be balanced, pre-paids and accruals must be adjusted and the information must be reviewed with a common sense

approach. Many reports need to be filed with headquarters including the Budget statement for the ensuing year and the Hospital Patient Transportation Fund Summary. Other requirements such as payroll tax and information return reporting due dates are not far off.

I invite ALL treasurers to attend the upcoming Treasurers Association seminar the first week of March in Myrtle Beach, SC. Make plans to attend now and make sure this cost was included in the temple's 2022 budget! The camaraderie and sharing is priceless. There is much to be gained by attending. You will have a chance to hear from members of our home office staff on areas such as budgeting, financial reporting, insurance, legal and more. This is a great venue to ask questions. I understand those that are in the tax business have obligations that come first, you will be missed. Moreover, Myrtle Beach is not a bad place to be in March.

I encourage all treasurers, and for that matter any divan member, to contact me with any questions or concerns they might have. I have spoken with many members this year on items from cash flow, to budgeting, to payroll issues. Remember, I am here as a resource for you.

Thank you again for all that you have done and continue to do for our great Fraternity and Philanthropy. My Lady Cheryl and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Yours in the Faith,  
Brad T. Koehn, Imperial Treasurer

# Tentative Schedule for STA Seminar 2022:

## March 4-8 Landmark Resort – Myrtle Beach, SC

### Special Notice *Advanced Registration IS Required*

#### Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

3 PM– 6 PM                      Registration Check In (TBD)

#### Saturday, March 5

7:00 AM – 7:30 AM              Registration Check In  
8:00 AM – 8:15 AM              Call to order (Presentation of Colors, Invocation, & Introduction – **Pres. Vic Hopper**  
8:15 AM – 10:00 AM              Temple Accounting (New Treasurers - emphasis) **Matt Noell - Director Temple Accounting**  
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM              **Break**  
10:15 – NOON                      Temple Accounting cont'd (Audits/Review, Temple Hosted Charitable Fundraising Events, Dues Cycle, Hospital Transportation Funds)  
NOON – 1:00 PM                      **Lunch – Provided (Room TBD)**  
    (Lemon-Caper Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Sautéed Green Beans, House Salad, water, tea, coffee)

#### Sunday, March 6

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM              Web Based Training **Keith Melfi - Fraternal Information Services**  
10:00 AM – 10:15                 **Break**  
10:15 – Noon                      Workshop  
NOON – 1:00 PM                      **Lunch - Provided (Room TBD)**  
    (Roast Pork Normandy, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Brussels Sprouts, Caesar Salad, water, tea, coffee)

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM                Membership **Brian Harrison - Chief Membership Development Officer**

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM                **Break**  
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM                Marketing & Communications - **Mel Bower - Chief Marketing and Communication Officer**

#### Monday, March 7

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM              \*Workshop  
10:00 AM – 10:15 PM              **Break**  
10:15 – Noon                      Election of Officers & \*Workshop  
6:00 PM                              **Banquet – Provided (Room TBD)**  
    (Prime Rib OR Salmon, Herb Roasted Baby Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, House Salad, Dessert Table, water, tea, coffee,)

#### Tuesday, March 8

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM              \*Workshop  
10:00 AM – 10:15 PM              **Break**  
10:15 AM – Noon                      \*Workshop  
*(\* Workshops will include Imperial Officers depending on their availability, other topics as requested by Members)*

*Your officers have arranged with the hotel for you to stay up to 3 days earlier and or 3 days after the Seminar at the same rate.*

*For those who wish to make this a vacation as well as a learning experience this should be a Great time to see Myrtle Beach SC.*

**Registration Deadline is February 4th 2022 at the Hotel**



**Landmark Resort**

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1501 S Ocean Blvd  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Oceanfront/ Ocean View /Interior Guest Rooms  
17 Water Amenities including huge Indoor /Outdoor Pool complex  
Gazebo Restaurant serving breakfast buffet  
Latitudes Lounge serving lunch and dinner  
Video Arcade, Free 9-hole mini golf  
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**BOOK AT THE DISCOUNTED RATE  
TO SAVE \$\$\$  
IF NOT GUESTS WILL PAY THE  
BEST AVAILABLE RATE**

**Phone # to Call to Make Reservations: 855-338-0226**

Group Reservation Hours: Monday through Friday 9am – 9pm  
Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm

**Group Name:** Shrine Treasurers Association

**Group Reference #:** 3658038

**Group Cut-off Date: February 4<sup>th</sup> 2022**

(Discounted group rates will no longer be available after the cut-off date, and guests will have to book at the Best Available Rate. Please encourage your group to book their reservation(s) as soon as possible. Thanks!)

## Room Information

~Rates~

**March 4<sup>th</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup> 2022**

(per day)

A One Time **\$7** Booking Fee Will Be Added to The First Nights Stay

Complimentary Parking In Our Parking Garage

Complimentary In Room Wi-Fi

\*Rates Are Based on Single/Double Occupancy, Additional Fees May Apply

\*Upon Calling in Breakfast Can Be Purchased for \$12.95 Not Including Gratuity Per Adult per Morning

\*It Is A Full Breakfast Buffet, Coffee & Juice Is Included. Plus A Waffle Station

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**Interior Guest Room** - The room comes with two double beds, a wet bar, microwave and a mini fridge. Plus, a private balcony overlooking the interior courtyard.

*The maximum occupancy for this unit is four (4) people.*

Discounted Weekend Rate: \$61 + Fees + Tax = \$85.88 per night

Discounted Sunday – Thursday Rate: \$49 + Fees + Tax = \$72.32 per night



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**Ocean View Room**- Equipped with two double beds. Plus room amenities that include a mini fridge, microwave, coffee maker, and a wet bar area with a sink. The ocean view units has a private balcony with northerly view of the Myrtle Beach coastline.

*The maximum occupancy for this unit is four (4) people.*

Discounted Weekend Rate: \$68 + Fees + Tax = \$93.79 per night

Discounted Sunday – Thursday Rate: \$54 + Fees + Tax = \$77.97 per night

**BEST VALUE!!!**



**Oceanfront Standard Room** - two double beds with a private balcony that faces the ocean. This unit also has a wet bar, mini refrigerator and a microwave.

The maximum occupancy for this unit is four (4) people.

**Discounted Weekend Rate:** \$77 + Fees + Tax = \$103.96 per night

**Discounted Sunday – Thursday Rate:** \$63 + Fees + Tax = \$88.14 per night



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**Oceanfront Executive Suite** – An oceanfront bedroom with two double beds. In the living room, there is a double pull down wall bed for extra sleeping space, a sofa and a TV. A full kitchen with a full-sized refrigerator, a stove, microwave, coffee maker as well as basic dinnerware and cookware. Plus, a private oceanfront balcony off the living room.

The maximum occupancy for this unit is six (6) people.

**Discounted Weekend Rate:** \$94 + Fees + Tax = \$123.17 per night

**Discounted Sunday – Thursday Rate:** \$84 + Fees + Tax = \$111.87 per night

**GREAT DEAL!**



**Angle Oceanfront Executive King Suite** – Offers a living room, bedroom and kitchen. The bedroom in this suite features a king size bed, while the living room offers comfortable double wall bed, sofa, fully equipped kitchen with dining table with chairs and a side view private balcony.

*The maximum occupancy for this unit is four (4) people.*

**Discounted Weekend Rate: \$77 + Fees + Tax = \$103.96 per night**

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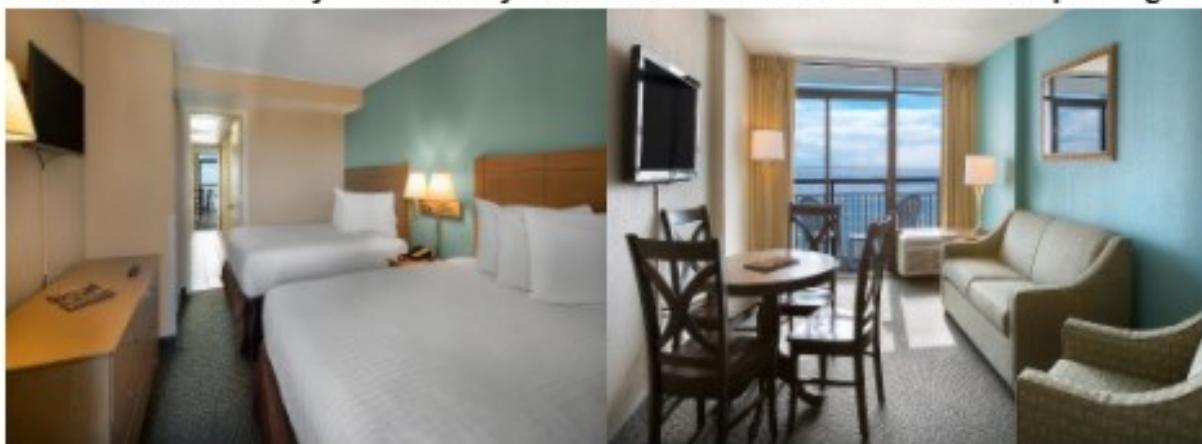
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**Deluxe Oceanfront Executive Suite**- The suite is equipped with a bedroom with two double beds and a fully equipped kitchen with a refrigerator, microwave, stove, and basic cookware/dinnerware, as well as complimentary in-room coffee. An oceanfront living room has a double murphy bed, sofa, as well as the sliding glass doors to the oceanfront balcony.

*The maximum occupancy for this unit is six people.*

**Discounted Weekend Rate: \$102 + Fees + Tax = \$132.21 per night**

**Discounted Sunday – Thursday Rate: \$91 + Fees + Tax = \$119.78 per night**





**SHRINE TREASURERS ASSOCIATION  
MID-YEAR SEMINAR  
2022 OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM**

Return to: Shrine Treasurers Association  
8918 W. 21 ST. N.  
Suite 200, #236  
Wichita, KS 67205-1880

**Is this your first time to attend the meeting?  YES**

Noble First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Temple: \_\_\_\_\_

Date I will be arriving: \_\_\_\_\_, Date I will be departing: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the Saturday Lunch (Yes ) (No ) My Lady will attend the Saturday Lunch (Yes ) (No )

I will attend the Sunday Lunch (Yes ) (No ) My Lady will attend the Sunday Lunch (Yes ) (No )

If you are attending the Banquet, please indicate your choice for the main course.

Noble's choice ( Prime Rib) or ( Salmon) My Lady's choice ( Prime Rib) or ( Salmon)

*Noble's Registration Fee \$250.00 (US Funds)*

*Lady's Registration Fee \$150.00 (US Funds)*

**Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Checks MUST be in US Currency Drawn on a US Bank**

Registration Fee covers all activities & meals included in the agenda. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 4, 2022**

Make your own room reservations (Rates vary from \$49.00 ++ to \$ 102.00 ++ depending room type & day of the week)

Rates are valid 3 days prior and 3 days after the seminar

Please make your own Flight Schedules and Hotel Reservations

Seminar Check-in begins at 3:00 PM Friday March 4, 2022

Seminar Ends Tuesday March 8, 2022

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